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1. YUGOSLAV GOVT AGENCIES AND BUSINESSES ALIKE HAVE VERY FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS US SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES. COMPARING VARIOUS GSP SCHEMES THEY FIND AUSTRALIAN BEST, AND THE U.S. IN SECOND PLACE, FOLLOWED BY THE EC.

2. YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF ECONOMY ESTIMATES THAT US GSP HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR INTRODUCTION OF 60 TO 70 OF THE 120-130 ELIGIBLE YUGOSLAV PRODUCTS ENTERING THE UNITED STATES. THE GSP HAS BEEN OF PARTICULAR BENEFIT TO YUGOSLAV FURNITURE MAKING INDUSTRY, WHICH IS DESIGNING WOODEN CHAIRS SPECIFICALLY FOR THE U.S. MARKET. THE YUGOSLAV INDUSTRY FEELS THAT INCREASE IN CHAIR EXPORTS BROUGHT BY THE GSP HAS IMPROVED EFFICIENCY OF ITS PRODUCTION RUNS AND RESULTED IN CHEAPER UNIT PRICE.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, YUGOSLAVS ARE SUFFICIENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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UNCERTAIN OVER DURATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS THAT THEY QUESTION WHETHER ANY INDUSTRY SHOULD SPECIALIZE FOR THE U.S. MARKET OR WHETHER NEW PRODUCT LINES SHOULD BE ADDED EXPLICITLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GSP BENEFITS. THEY HAVE NOTED THE RASH OF REQUESTS FOR REMOVAL OF PRODUCTS FROM THE PREFERENCES LIST AND ALTHOUGH FEW HAVE BEEN DELETED, THE YUGOSLAVS REMAIN CONCERNED OVER WHAT MIGHT

HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. TO ILLUSTRATE THEIR CONCERN, THEY
POINT TO THE RECENT REMOVAL OF GSP ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN
ALUMINUM PRODUCTS JUST AT THE TIME WHEN A YUGOSLAV ENTER-
PRIZE WAS NEGOTIATING EXPORTS AT A PRICE INFLUENCED BY THE
ASSUMPTION, WHICH PROVED INCORRECT, THAT DUTY FREE TREATMENT
WOULD BE ACCORDED. YORK

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